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1. a. A seaplane base with barracks buildings was located northeast of RIGA, on the southern shore of the Kish Lake and northeast of the SCHREIBENBUSCH (Latvian: CIEKURKAUNS) suburb. Individual "large" (as far as remembered, twin-engine) seaplanes, apparently taking off and landing from the lake, were repeatedly seen in the air. Source, together with fellow-PWs, repeatedly observed, 1948/1949, parachute jumps from these seaplanes. These jumps were made by groups of about 15 paratroopers jumping simultaneously from altitudes of 2,000 to 2,500 feet.

 b. Source and his fellow-PWs, who knew the surroundings well and repeatedly observed these jumping practices, were convinced that this parachuting was practiced over the lake (the surrounding area was densely wooded).
2. Small and slim fighters flying individually and in formations of up to 25 planes, were occasionally observed during the same period. These aircraft, probably single-engine planes, coming from or heading in the direction of the SPILVE airfield, made a high-pitched, howling noise.

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a. According to a previous report, a seaplane base with several long-stretched hangars was located near the jute factory ashore lake Kish, northeast of RIGA. Single and twin-engine seaplanes were observed there.

b. This is the first information on jet-fighters observed over RIGA. It is considered credible that these jet-fighters were stationed at the RIGA-SPILVE airfield.

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